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1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PUBLICITY RE KIDNAPPING SHOULD BE AVOIDED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. DESPITE APPEARANCE OF STORY IN CLEVELAND PRESS, NEWS OF KIDNAPPING HAS STILL FAILED TO SURFACE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS OR ON NATIONAL BROADCAST MEDIA. QUESTION FAILED TO ARISE ONCE AGAIN AT PRESS BRIEFING TODAY. WE THEREFORE CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON BASIS THAT, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, NEWS RE KIDNAPPING STILL ONLY NARROWLY KNOWN. WILL INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS ANYTHING FURTHER BREAKS.

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2. SINCE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IS BOUND TO INCREASE PRESSURE

ON USG AND PMG, WE BELIEVE IT STRONGLY PREFERABLE THAT PMG
NOT RPT NOT RELEASE NEWS AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY SHOULD THERE-
FORE URGE PMG TO WITHHOLD STATEMENT, IF NOT ALREADY RELEASE

3. IF PMG IS INSISTENT ON RELEASING STORY, HOWEVER, SUGGEST
EMBASSY POINT OUT DESIRABILITY OF STRESSING IN ITS RELEASE
HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF CASE, I.E., THAT CHIEF CONCERN OF

USG AND PMG IS FOR EARLY RELEASE OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS
AND AVOIDANCE OF SUFFERING BY THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. KISSINGER

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